

*In the Specification*

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/240,720, a solution to the general problem of integrating IP Sec and NAT is presented. IP security is provided in a virtual private network using network address translation (NAT) by performing one or a combination of the four types of VPN NAT. (Three types of VPN NAT will be further described hereafter, and the fourth is described in copending patent application, ~~assignee docket END9-1999-0093, supra~~ S/N 09/595,950, filed 16 June 2000.) This involves dynamically generating NAT rules and associating them with the manual or dynamically generated Internet key exchange (IKE) Security Associations, before beginning IP security that uses the Security Associations. (See, Harkins, D., Carrel, D., "The Internet Key Exchange (IKE)", RFC2409, November 1998. Security Associations is a term defined in RFC201, supra.) Then, as IP Sec is performed on outbound and inbound datagrams, the NAT function is also performed. By "perform IP Sec", is meant to execute the steps that comprise IP Sec outbound or inbound processing, as defined by the 3 IP Sec

RFCs (and others) above. By "perform NAT", is meant to execute the steps that comprise the VPN NAT processing hereafter described in this application.--.